

COUNTRY <u>Germany (Soviet Zone)</u>		REPORT	
TOPIC <u>Soviet Supply Depots in Burgstaedt and Markersdorf</u>		50X1-HUM	
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Burgstaedt Equipment and Clothing Depot.

1. In early February 1951, the tailor's and shoemaker's workshops, and about 50 German workers were transferred from the Soviet equipment and clothing depot in the former textile machine replacement parts plant in Burgstaedt (N 51/K 56) to the Kommunal Wirtschaftliches Unternehmen (Municipal Enterprise) (KWU) in Burgstaedt. Only ten male and three female workers remained at the depot. (1)
2. On 3 March 1951, trucks [ ] loaded with bed linen and uniforms, parked in front of the installation. 50X1-HUM
3. On 19 March 1951, trucks [ ] which allegedly came from the Markersdorf repair shop, hauled about 60 boxes with EM boots from the Burgstaedt railroad station to the clothing depot. A firm's tag was lettered "V.V. Schuhfabriken Weissenfels" (Amalgamated Nationalized Shoe Factories, Weissenfels). 50X1-HUM
4. During the afternoon of 23 March 1951, trucks [ ] transferred about 150 bales of 20 tarpaulins each and 120 parcels of white bed-linen from the Burgstaedt railroad station to the clothing depot. 50X1-HUM
5. In late April 1951, several buildings of the clothing depot were emptied and returned to the German municipal administration. The equipment and clothing previously stored in the buildings were transferred to another warehouse. (1)
6. On 18 May 1951, sedan [ ] which had been parked in front of the clothing depot, left toward Chernitz with a major, a captain and a senior lieutenant. 50X1-HUM

Markersdorf Medical Depot.

7. In January 1951, it was observed that the Soviet medical depot located in the former silk hosiery yarn spinning mill in Markersdorf (N 51/K 67) was subdivided into five sections, each headed by a senior lieutenant or a captain. The sections were used as listed: Section No 1 contained about 2,000 x 50 kilogram sacks with washing materials; Section No 2 about

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300 x 40 to 50-kilogram boxes with toilet and laundry soap in addition to about 150 x 50 liter drums with liquid soap; Section No 3 about 100 x 30 to 40 kilogram boxes with unassorted medicaments, 300 x 25 kilogram boxes with medicaments for hospitals and clearing stations, and 200 x 45 to 50 kilogram boxes with miscellaneous dressing equipment; Section No 4 about 100 very modern surgical tables, 50 examining chairs, 75 dentist's chairs, about 60 x 75 kilogram boxes with medical instruments and quite a few radiation lamps; and Section No 5, where a Soviet laboratory assistant and some special medical corps personnel were employed, contained poisonous drugs and serums. This section was off limits to German personnel. (2)

8. On 17 May 1951, 60 boxes, 60 x 50 x 50 cm in size, containing soap, soap powder and other washing materials, were hauled from the Markersdorf railroad station to the medical depot by truck [redacted]. The 50X1-HUM Chemnitz Fettchemie plant was listed on a shipping label as sender of these goods.

Markersdorf Motor Vehicle Repair Shop.

9. From 18 January to 8 February 1951, groups of 15 to 20 artillery, tank, engineer and air force officers arrived at Burgstaedt by express trains from the directions of Leipzig and Chemnitz every Monday and Thursday, and were taken by truck [redacted] to the motor vehicle repair shop in 50X1-HUM the former Groma typewriter factory in Markersdorf. The officers underwent a special 3-day training at the installation, and in their classroom, a cylindrical apparatus, about 1.5 meters long and similar to a range finder, was observed. During the same period, one officer left the installation weekly on a courier mission for Chemnitz or Dresden.
10. On 8 February 1951, trucks [redacted] and 50X1-HUM [redacted] which came from the Groma typewriter factory and were driven by German personnel, were observed on test runs. 50X1-HUM
11. On 12 March 1951, truck [redacted] loaded with 60 to 70 new truck tires, 50X1-HUM left the installation in the direction of Burgstaedt, and on 27 March 1951, truck [redacted] loaded with about 20 truck tires, left in the direction of Chemnitz. 50X1-HUM
12. In mid-May 1951, [redacted] the motor-vehicle repair shop would be transferred soon, allegedly to the Hempflingsberg settlement in Burgstaedt. (4) 50X1-HUM
13. On 16 May 1951, trucks [redacted] which came 50X1-HUM from the installation and were driven by German personnel, were observed on test runs. (5)

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- (1) Information on the workshops of the Burgstaedt equipment and clothing depot was transmitted previously. [redacted] It appears that the 50X1-HUM size of the depot will be reduced.
- (2) Confirms the Markersdorf motor vehicle park up to mid-May 1951. [redacted]
- (4) This is reported for the first time. A branch installation of the Markersdorf motor vehicle park was previously observed in Burgstaedt. [redacted] There is a possibility that the two installations in Burgstaedt will be merged. 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM

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- (5) The motor vehicles mentioned in paragraph 2 belong to Rear Services and an unidentified transport unit; those in paragraph 3 to headquarters units of the Eighth Gds Army; those in paragraph 4 to headquarters units of the XXIX Rifle Corps of the Eighth Gds Army and to headquarters units of the same army; those in paragraph 6 to Rear Services of the Eighth Gds Army; those in paragraph 8 to headquarters units of the Eighth Gds Army; those in paragraph 9 to Rear Services of the Eighth Gds Army; those in paragraph 10 to headquarters units of the Eighth Gds Army and to the 6th AAA Div; those in paragraph 11 to the 220th Hvy Tank SP Regt of the Eighth Gds Army and the 9th Tank Div of the First Gds Mecz Army; and those in paragraph 13 to the 8th Gds Mecz Div of the First Gds Mecz Army, the 11th Gds Tank Div of the First Gds Mecz Army, and to headquarters units of the First Gds Mecz Army.

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